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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of November 9, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the application and that the application be reconsidered in light of the amendments and the following discussion.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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